

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in York County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

August 7, 2012 to August 28, 2012

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal activity to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT :

DOD/U.S. Navy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Department of the Navy (Navy) proposes to stabilize the shoreline as Range 37 at Camp Peary in York County. The project area consists of a vegetated upland bluff ranging in height from 5 feet to more than 30 feet. The shoreline consists of vegetated tidal wetlands experiencing erosion and undercutting, as well as non-vegetated wetland areas. The proposed action involves the construction of a hybrid living shoreline, including an offshore breakwater/sill system, beach nourishment and tidal wetland vegetation plantings. The breakwater/sill system will consist of four structures placed a maximum of 101 feet channelward of mean low water (MLW). No bank grading is proposed in conjunction with the proposed action due to the potential presence of unexploded ordnance (UXO) and small arms ammunition which may be present within the bank and bluff due to historic training activities. The Navy has submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Federal Consistency Determination (FCD) for the proposal. The FCD finds the proposed action consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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